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SUBJ: MILITARY MISCELLANEA FROM CODEL WILSON MEETING

(S) - ENTIRE TEXT.

- 2. DURING OCTOBER 25 MEETINGS WITH CODEL WILSON, SEVERAL MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS WERE DISCUSSED THAT ARE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST:
- --MINDEF ABU GHAZALA SAID EGYPTIAN-OMANI EXERCISE HAD GONE WELL. HE SAID EGYPT HAD HAD A REINFORCED BATTALION IN OMAN, INCLUDING ARTILLERY AND ANTI-TANK **ELEMENTS:**
- -- ABU GHAZALA SAID ONLY FIRM EGYPTIAN MIRAGE 2000 ORDER WAS FOR 20 AIRCRAFT;
- -- ABU GHAZALA SAID WAE MINDEF HAD JUST COMPLETED AN OFFICIAL, "QUIET" VISIT TO EGYPT.
- -- PRESIDENT MUBARAK SCORED THE COMPLICATED AND LENGTHY U.S. PROCEDURES FOR APPROVING ARMS SALES. HE CONTRASTED THIS TO FRANCE WHERE, HE SAID, EGYPT WOULD GET A FIRM ANSWER IN TWO OR THREE DAYS. ATHERTON 3 END OF MESSAGE

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